COMMANDER LEOPARDO, DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT MY COMPANION?

OHH, THAT MONKEY...!! WE'LL DISCUSS IT WHEN WE MEET.

AND WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? TOKYO TOWER HASN'T TUMBLED OVER, AND SCIENCE DEPARTMENT FOUR IS STILL STANDING.

I GUESS IT WAS YAYOI'S?...WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HASHIME??

ONLY ONE OF THE INSECTA SHIPS HAS ENTERED THE MOTHER SHIP.

YES, WITH PROJECTED ILLUSIONS...BUT NO MATTER HOW WELL THE DRY RUN WENT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE REAL ONE WILL GO AS WELL.

WHAT? EVERYTHING UP TILL NOW WAS JUST A DRY RUN?

NO NEED FOR DISAPPOINTMENT, PROFESSOR. WE'VE COLLECTED LOTS OF DATA ON HOW HUMANS WOULD REACT TO A SITUATION LIKE THAT. IT ALLOWS US TO BE PREPARED FOR THE REAL THING.

THE DARK SUN LAR AND PLANET LA-METAL ARE GRADUALLY CAUSING SHIFTS IN THE EARTH'S CRUST.

THE EARTHQUAKES WERE REAL. AND THEY ARE GETTING WORSE.

LEOPARDO...

I'M EXHAUSTED. DO WHATEVER YOUR LIKE ABOUT ALL OF IT...

WELCOME, LAR ANDROMEDA PROMETHEUS. AN INSECTA SHIP IS QUITE AN INCONVENIENT MODE OF TRANSPORT. I DON'T LIKE THAT TYPE AT ALL.

THE NAMES ANDROMEDA AND PROMETHEUS DO NOT FEEL LIKE MINE. PLEASE CALL ME YAYOI YUKINO, LEOPARDO.

IT SEEMS YOU HAVE TAKEN QUITE A SHINE TO THAT MONKEY. HA HA HA.

WHERE IS THE OTHER INSECTA SHIP?

LET'S GO THIS WAY TO DIS-CUSS THE MONKEY.

YOU MEAN BECAUSE I'M HERE? I ASSURE YOU I AM STILL A COMMANDER IN THE SPACE COMMAND. I'M HERE ON ASSIGNMENT.

WHEN DID YOU GIVE UP BEING A COM-MANDER FOR THE SPACE COMBAT COMMAND?

YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WHICH OPPONENT WOULD GIVE US TROUBLE.

THIS SHIP IS AN ASSAULT HEAVY CRUISER INTENDED AS A DESTROYER. IS THERE ANY OPPONENT WITH ENOUGH POWER TO CHALLENGE IT AS AN ENEMY?

THEY'RE COMMONLY CALLED MIL-LENNIAL THIEVES!!

INDEED. YOUR YOUNGER SISTER SEREN...FU FU... THOUGH NO ONE USES THAT NAME.

ARE YOU SPEAKING OF SEREN?

YOU CERTAINLY KNOW THEIR HIGH PRIEST.

I GOT IT FROM YOUR BELOVED MONKEY.

THAT INFORMATION ABOUT SEREN IS A SECRET...WHO TOLD YOU, LEOPARDO?

THIS WAY, PLEASE.

SO HASHIME ...!!

FROM HASHIME??

I GOT HIM TO COUGH UP THE WHOLE STORY...YOU STUFFED A PRETTY HIGH LEVEL OF INTELLI-GENCE INTO HIM.

HASHIME!!

NO. I WOULD NEVER RESORT TO SUCH SAVAGE-RY. THE MACHINE SERVED JUST AS WELL.

SURELY YOU HAVEN'T TORTURED HIM...!!

CONFESSION ROOM?

IT WAS A CONFESSION ROOM!!

I WAS PUT IN A STARK WHITE ROOM. WHEN IT BEGAN TO FLICKER I SUDDENLY WANTED TO TALK.

FINE. IT SHALL BE AS YOU COMMAND, YOUR MAJESTY...

HE DOESN'T LOOK HUMAN TO ME...

BUT THAT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE USED ON HUMANS. DESTROY IT AT ONCE, LEOPARDO!!

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I REALLY CAN'T STAND THAT GUY.

I'M ASTOUNDED!!

FLYING IN A SPACESHIP COMPLETELY NAKED FEELS LIKE I COULD GET INJURED. IT MADE ME UNEASY.

THEY... ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME...

DID YOU GET IN THE INSECTA SHIP WEARING BOXERS!?

EH...IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY BOXERS?

SO...THE REASON MY INSECTA SHIP WENT HAYWIRE IS BECAUSE OF THE BOXERS!!

IT IS FOR THAT REASON YOU FLY IT NUDE.

THE LIQUID COCKPIT OF AN INSECTA SHIP ALLOWS FOR MAXIMAL INTEGRATION OF HUMAN AND MACHINE.

DON'T BE SUCH AN IDIOT OVER A SINGLE PAIR OF BOXERS!!

THOSE BOXERS INHIBITED YOUR INTEGRATION WITH THE SHIP...

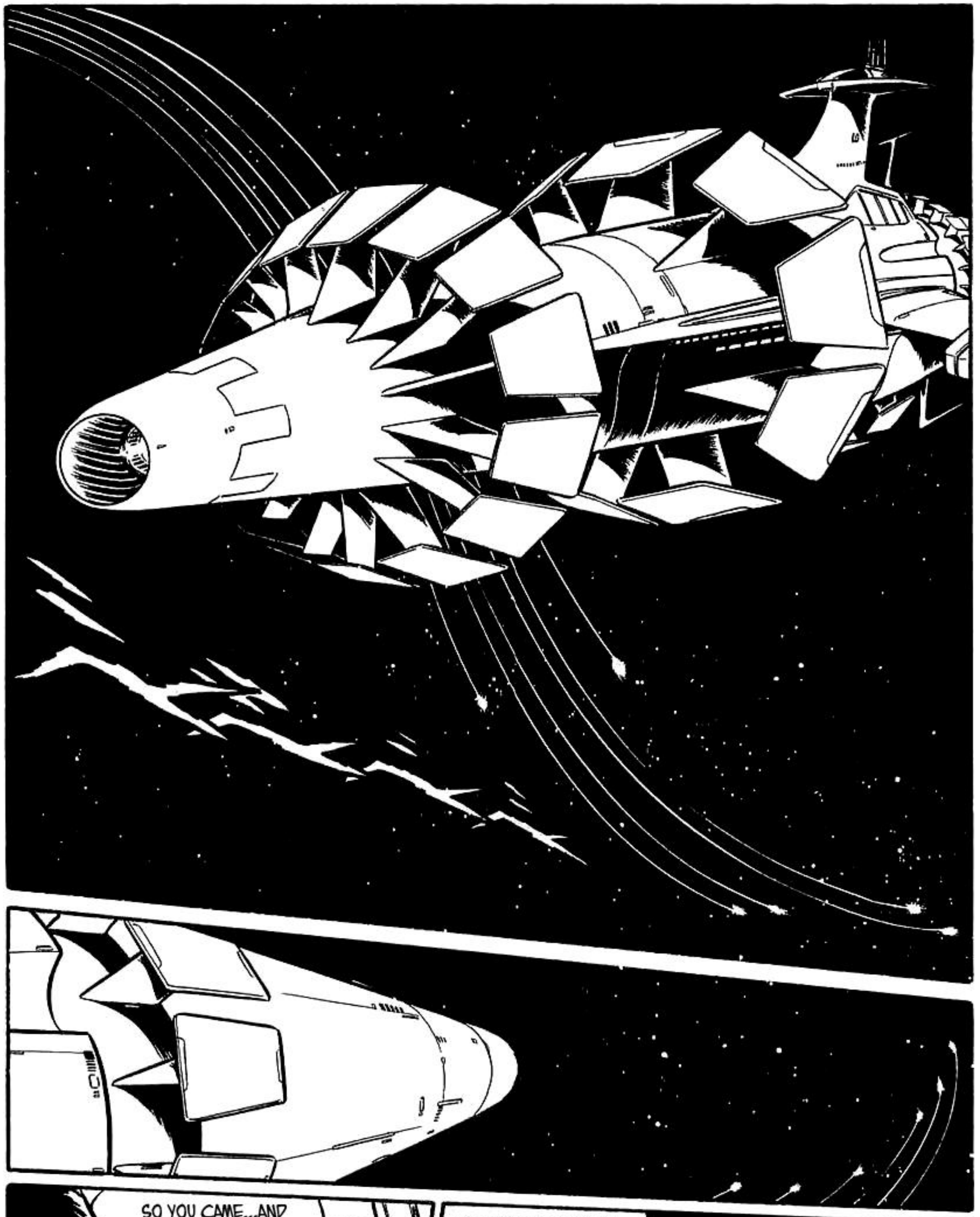
A BOMBER SQUADRON OF THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES IS COMING. COME TO THE BRIDGE.

COMMANDER LEOPARDO AGREES WITH YOU ON THAT ONE.

BUT SEE...FLYING COMPLETELY NUDE CREEPS ME OUT. THE DESIGNER GOT IT WRONG.

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT. YOU WERE IN A CONFESSION ROOM. BUT I DOUBT SEREN HERSELF IS COMING HERE...LET'S GO SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

THAT BUSINESS ABOUT SEREN... I GUESS IT'S PRETTY BAD, HUH.


SO YOU CAME...AND YOU BROUGHT THE MONKEY...BUT I THINK YOU MAY BE THE FIRST EVER TO COME HERE WEARING ONLY BOXERS.
THEY'RE A BUNCH OF IDIOTS. CONTEMPORARY SHIPS HAVE NO BLIND SPOTS. IT MAKES NO DIFFERENT WHAT DIRECTION THEY COME FROM.
IT SEEMS THEY INTEND TO COME UP FROM BEHIND.

WATCH CLOSELY, MONKEY. THIS WILL BE A BATTLE YOUR PEOPLE CANNOT POSSIBLY COMPREHEND.

THE BOMBER SQUADRON IS APPROACHING FROM THE REAR. IT IS COMPRISED OF MID-SIZED SHIPS USING GRAVITY PROPULSION...

THREE SEATS...TYPE BELL REVISION ONE... SEVEN SHIPS...THEY ARE WITHIN FIRING RANGE.

ANNIHILATE THEM!!

ANNIHILATED...ONE SHIP IS ESCAPING.

LET IT GO. THE MOTHERSHIP IS NEARBY. IT WILL DOUBTLESS BE RETURNING THERE.

EVEN THOUGH THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, YOU BLEW THEM UP!!

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WHERE THE SHIP IS GOING.

THEY MAY BE THIEVES, BUT THEY MAINTAIN IRON DISCIPLINE AND MAKE EXCELLENT WARRIORS...

...I GUESS HE WAS PREPARED...HE DIDN'T WANT TO REVEAL THE LOCATION OF THE MOTHERSHIP...

THE COMMUNICATIONS ROOM IS READY...PLEASE... THE GREAT MOTHER WISHES TO SPEAK WITH YOU...

I SUPPOSE WE WOULD DO THE SAME...LEAVE OUR REMAINS TO WANDER AIMLESSLY FOREVER THROUGH EMPTY SPACE...

IT IS A SHAME WE MUST BE ENEMIES...I SHALL MOURN THEM.

STOP RIGHT THERE, MONKEY!!

EH

INDEED, HASHIME.

THE GREAT MOTHER...DOES THAT MEAN YOU'LL BE TAKING TO SOMEONE ON LA-METAL?

...DAMN THIS IS BORING.

YAYOI!!

WHEN ALL'S SAID AND DO-NE...DOES SHE THINK I'M A MONKEY?

ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS YAYOI...

THAT RUDE LEOPARDO GUY GETS ON MY NERVES!!

EH...WAH! WHAT ARE YOU!?

GOOD-DAY-MONKEY!!

I · AM · ALADDIN · YOUR · FRIEND · FRIEND

FRIEND? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE IN MY LIFE. YOU'RE A ROBOT, RIGHT?

VERY · NICE · TO · MEET · YOU · YOU · YOU

FRIEND??

LEONARDO'S ORDERS?

COMMANDER · LEOPARDO · ORDERED · ME · TO · BECOME · YOUR · FRIEND

...IS · BEING · A · FRIEND · REALLY · SO · DIFFICULT...

A FRIEND IS SOMEONE YOU ARE CLOSE TO.

YOU'RE A ROBOT, SO I GUESS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, BUT YOU CAN'T JUST TURN YOURSELF INTO A FRIEND LIKE THAT.

ANYWAY, JUST GET OUT OF HERE. YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT!!

IT'S RIDICULOUS TO THINK ABOUT A HUMAN AND A ROBOT BEING FRIENDS ANYWAY!!

I..AM..AN · HONEST · ROBOT...I · DO · NOT · LIE...

I..I..

AFTER ALL, YOU'RE JUST LEOPARDO'S SPY, DAMMIT!!

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YOU JUST WON'T QUIT...GET OUT OF HERE ALREADY!!

UH-HUH

YAYOI!! IS YOUR CALL OVER?

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!! WHAT HAPPENED?

THIS ROBOT GOT OVERLY FRIENDLY.

KU KU KU..

AND HE'S LEOPARDO'S SPY ANYHOW!!

EH? SO WE'RE GETTING BACK INTO THOSE IN-SECTA SHIPS?

WHO KNOWS. AT ANY RATE WE MUST RETURN TO EARTH.

UEHH

THIS TIME REMOVE YOUR BOXERS BEFORE YOU GET IN. TO AVOID AN ACCIDENT!!

I DON'T NEED ANY MACHINE FRIENDS. YOU MAY HAVE HIM BACK.

IT SEEMS YOU DID NOT APPRECIATE MY PRESENT. ALADDIN IS VERY SAD, MONKEY.

AREN'T YOU BEING A BIT OF A SCAREDY CAT? IT COULD BE CONVENIENT, HASHIME.

THAT'S QUITE ALRIGHT. THAT THING TAKES ME FOR A MONKEY.

IT MAKES ME UNEASY.

BUT THIS TIME I'M BARE-ASSED NAKED.

ARE YOU TIRED OF ME ALWAYS GET-TING LOST?

THIS TIME STICK CLOSE BY ME, HASHIME!!

HASHIME!! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? HASHIME!!

I'M ACCELERAT-ING NOW!!

COMMANDER LEOPARDO! PURSUE HASHIME WITH THE COSMO RAIDER!!

THE DAMN MONKEY WENT WARP. PURSUIT IS IMPOSSIBLE!!

HASHIME WENT WARP?...WHERE COULD HE BE AIMING FOR??

WHAT HAP-PENED!? CAN YOU HEAR ME, HASHIME!?

WHAT'S GOING ON? MY INSECTA SHIP RAN AWAY AGAIN.
THIS ISN'T BECAUSE OF BOXERS!!
YAYOI!!...AHH NO GOOD. CONVERSATION IS IMPOSSIBLE!!
IT SEEMS LIKE I'M BEING PULLED TOWARDS THAT ASTEROID!!

WHAT IS THIS ASTEROID ANYWAY... AM I GONNA CRASH INTO IT...?

OR LAND ON IT...?

UP CLOSE IT'S ACTUALLY A PRETTY BIG PLANET!!

AND EVEN AT ONE ATMOSPHERE OF PRESSURE!! THE SAME AS EARTH'S SURFACE!!

AND ON TOP OF THE SURPRISING SIZE, IT'S GOT AIR!!

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THE PRESSURE AND MAKEUP OF THE ATMOSPHERE ARE THE SAME...AND THE TEMPERATURE IS FINE...

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NOW LOOK AT THAT!! WITHOUT MY BOXERS, I DON'T HAVE THE NERVE TO GET OUT!!

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AH...WHEN DID YOU...!?

I - AM - YOUR - FRIEND - ALADDIN!!

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YOU COULD BE THE REASON THE INSECTA SHIP WENT STRANGE AND RAN OFF.

N- NO - I - CAME - OF - MY - OWN - FREE - WILL

SO I GUESS YOU CAME TO MONITOR ME ON LEOPAR-DO'S ORDERS AFTER ALL!!

I - CAME - TO - BE - OF - SERVICE - TO - YOU

IMPOSSIBLE - - - A - SYSTEM - WAS - PREPARED - FOR - ME - WHERE - I - COULD - NOT - DAMAGE - OR - INTERFERE - WITH - THE - MECHANISM

IN - THIS - CAPACITY - - - INDEED!!

OF SERVICE...YOU? IN WHAT CAPACITY?

WHOAH! YOU ARE WAY MORE CONVENIENT THAT I EXPECTED!!

HOW · 'BOUT · THEM · APPLES · EH?

IF · THAT · IS · WHAT · YOU · WISH...

ANYWAY, LET'S EXPLORE THIS WEIRD ASTER-OID.

"NUUOW"... YOU SAY?

SO · WHAT · WILL · YOU · DO · NUUOW? ?

FORGIVE · ME

WHO'S TOPS IN THE UNI-VERSE? WAHHH!!

I · AM · ALADDIN · · · I · HAVE · NO · FLAWS · · · I · AM · TOPS · IN · THE · UNIVERSE

CAREFUL!! THERE'S A HOLE THERE!!

DO SOME-
THING! DO
SOMETHING!

AT · ANY ·
RATE · IT ·
IS * QUITE ·
SUDDEN

YOU'RE SUP-
POSED TO BE
TOPS IN THE
UNIVERSE!!

YES · THAT ·
IS · COR-
RECT

SOMETHING · IS · AP-PROACHING · SO · STAY · QUIET...

I · WAS · JUST · FAKING · BEING · DONE · IN · · · NOT · TO · WORRY...

THIS IS CRAZY. YOU WERE COM-PLETELY DONE IN, ALADDIN.

YES...CREATURES · THAT · LIVE · IN · CRACKS · IN · THE · WALLS...

APPROACH-ING?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE KNOW YOU'RE FAKING DAMAGE.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FOOL US, SO GIVE IT UP!!

INDEED · THEY · ARE · EXCELLENT · TO · HAVE · SEEN · THROUGH · MY · STRATAGEM

HEY! THEY'VE SEEN THROUGH YOUR RUSE.

WHAT'S · THIS?...ON · CLOSER · INSPEC- TION · THESE · SEEM · TO · BE · ANDROIDS · OR · ROBOTS · AS · WELL!!

DO NOT MAKE A FUSS. IF YOU RESIST YOU WILL BE DAMAGED FOR REAL.

WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?

I GUESS THIS MEANS WE'RE PRISONERS OF WAR, HUH ALADDIN.

YAYOI YUKINO!! HASHIME AMAMORI IS HERE.

WHO ARE YOU??

WARP TO COORDINATES TIME SECTOR D-MINUS 66 SPACE

VERY WELL.

I. APOLO-GIZE

WHY WOULD HASHIME HAVE COME HERE...?

THIS ASTEROID IS NOT ON SPACE CHARTS...AND ITS COMPOSITION IS WEIRD...

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OPEN THE GATE!! REDUCE SPEED AND ENTER INSIDE.

INSIDE A GATE?

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I SEE. IT SEEMS THERE'S SPACE INSIDE.

GRAVITY IS BALANCED INSIDE. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ARE WEIGHTLESS. STOP THERE AND OPEN THE COCKPIT!!

ARE YOU SAYING TO GET OUT INTO THIN AIR!?

WHERE SHOULD I LAND? I DON'T SEE A PLACE.